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**Applicant:** SHOWA CORPORATION  
**Serial Number:** 10/722258  
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**For:** INVERTED TYPE FRONT FORK IN TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE OR THE LIKE  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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January 12, 2005

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information of which he is aware, and which he believes may be material to the patentability of any claim and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

**Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 2541848**

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. No fee is due.

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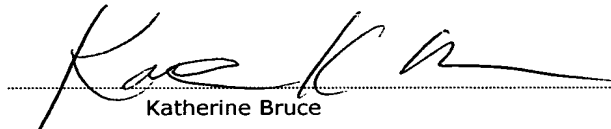


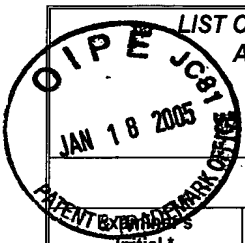
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